BPAC RESOLUTION #4-2004

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE MPO AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION KEEP PROJECTS #4106401 AND #4056581 IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND WORK PROGRAM, AND IMPLEMENT THESE PROJECTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board has established the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to advise it on bicycle/pedestrian matters; and

WHEREAS, State Road 9336, between Florida City and Everglades National Park, does not meet minimum safety design standards for shoulders, drainage and clear zones; and

WHEREAS, FDOT programmed over \$10 million to improve SR 9336 (projects #4106401/#4056581); and

WHEREAS, adding paved shoulders to SR 9336 supports the MPO's Bicycle Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has identified thirteen benefits to adding shoulders to rural roads in addition to making them safer for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, making a safer bicycling road which connects existing bikeways to Everglades National Park increases opportunities for tourists/residents to enjoy the natural beauty of Miami-Dade County without burning fuel or polluting, as well as bringing economic benefits to the surrounding areas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

THAT: the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommends that the MPO and the Florida Department of Transportation keep projects #4106401 and #4056581 in the Transportation Improvement Program and Work Program, and implement these projects as quickly as possible, pending review of the project's environmental impacts.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Brett Bibeau, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Sheila Boyce, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Brett Bibeau - aye

Amado Leon - aye

Sheila Boyce - aye

Ted Silver - aye

Barry Burak - absent

Susan Smith - aye

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of May, 2004

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

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David Henderson, BPAC Secretariat